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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11,21-28,37 and 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-11,21-28,37 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 6-8, 11, 21-22, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isakson (US-3791602). Regarding Claim 3, Isakson discloses a rewinding machine for producing logs 40 of wound web material comprising a path along which a web material 32 is fed; a winding cradle (defined by 12, 22, and 26) to wind the web material and form the logs, including at least one first winding element 12 around which the web is fed; at least one first glue dispenser 48A,50A,52,54,56,58 including a mechanical member 48A,50A that touches the web material at the end of winding of the each log to apply a first glue to a portion of the web material, in proximity to a severing line P_2 , along which the web material is severed upon termination of winding the each log to form a final free edge and an initial free edge, the first glue gluing the final free edge of the log, and wherein the mechanical member, the path and the first winding element are constructed and arranged such that the web material is fed between the mechanical member and the first winding element when the mechanical member applies the glue to a portion of the web material contacting the first winding element (Figures 13-15 and Column 3, Line 66 – Column 4, Line 25). Isakson is silent about a means to sever the web material upon termination of winding each log, including a rotating severing element, cooperating with the first winding element and the

mechanical member of the first glue dispenser being part of or integral with the severing element in the embodiment disclosed in Figures 13-15. However, in another embodiment, shown in Figures 6-8, Isakson discloses a means 46 to sever the web material upon termination of winding each log, including a rotating severing element 46 cooperating with the first winding element 12 (Figures 6-8 and Column 4, Lines 19-25). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add the knife to the roll 52 to therefore sever the web material as it applies the glue, much in the same way element 46 would sever the web (as described in Column 4, Lines 19-25) to keep the device simple by reducing the number of moveable parts with the potential to fail. Regarding Claim 6, Isakson discloses the mechanical member is a rotating element (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 7, Isakson discloses the first glue dispenser applies the first glue to a portion of the web material wound around the first winding element (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 8, Isakson discloses the mechanical member has at least one pad suitable to pick up the first glue and to touch the web material, to transfer to the pad at least part of the glue picked up (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 11, Isakson discloses the first glue dispenser applies the first glue along longitudinal bands, continuous or broken, on the web material (Figures 13-15).

Regarding Claim 21, Isakson discloses a method for producing logs 40 of wound web material 32 comprising winding a quantity of web material by at least a first winding element 12 to form a first log 40 in a winding area (defined by 12, 22, and 26); applying a first glue to a portion of the web material destined to remain wound on the first log, in proximity to a final free edge, which is glued to the first log upon termination of winding,

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wherein the first glue is applied to the web material by a mechanical member 48A,50A when the web material is present between the mechanical member and the first winding element (Figures 13-15 and Column 3, Line 66 – Column 4, Line 25). Isakson is silent about upon termination of winding the first log, severing the web material by the mechanical member where the web material is positioned between the mechanical member and the first winding element to create the final edge of the first log and an initial edge to form a second log in the embodiment shown in Figures 13-15. However, in another embodiment, shown in Figures 6-8, Isakson discloses upon termination of winding a first log 40, severing the web material by a mechanical member 46 to create the final edge of the first log and an initial edge to form a second log 20 (Figures 6-8 and Column 4, Lines 19-25). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the mechanical member 48A,50A with the knife 46 to sever the web material as it applies the glue, much in the same way element 46 alone would sever the web (as described in Column 4, Lines 19-25) to keep the device simple by reducing the number of moveable parts with the potential to fail. Regarding Claim 22, Isakson discloses the web material is wound around tubular winding cores (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 24, Isakson discloses the first glue is applied along a longitudinal line (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 25, Isakson discloses the logs are wound with a peripheral winding system (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 26, Isakson discloses the first glue is applied to the web material before severing of the web material (Figures 13-15). Regarding Claim 27, Isakson discloses the first glue is liquid or semi-liquid glue (Figures 13-15).

Claims 4-5, 9-10, 23, and 37-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isakson (US-3791602) as applied to claims 3, 6-8, 11, 21-22, and 24-27 above, and further in view of Perini et al. (US-5603467). Regarding Claim 4, Isakson is silent about the severing element having a peripheral speed differing in respect of the first winding element. However, Perini et al. discloses a rewinding machine including a severing element 134 which cooperates with a first winding element 101 and the severing element has a peripheral speed differing in respect of the first winding element (Figures 1-5 and Column 5, Lines 18-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to control the severing element of Isakson to have a differing speed that that of the first winding element as taught to Perini et al. to achieve a clean and efficient sever of the material (Column 4, Lines 18-27).

Regarding Claim 5, Isakson is silent about the severing element being integral to an assembly of rods. However, Perini et al. disclosing a rewinding machine with a severing element 134 integral to an assembly of rods (Figures 1-5 and Column 18-27). Because both Isakson and Perini et al. teach a rotating severing element, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to replace the roller for supporting the severing element and glue pads of Isakson with the assembly of rods of Perini et al. with the severing element including glue pads supported at the ends of the rods to achieve the predictable result of gluing and severing the web upon termination of winding.

Regarding Claims 9 and 23, Isakson is silent about a second gluing unit to apply a second glue to the tubular winding cores. However, Perini et al. discloses a rewinding machine including a gluing unit 125 to apply a glue to tubular winding cores A (Figures 1-5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add the gluing unit of Perini et al. to the rewinding machine of Isakson to apply a glue to the tubular cores to attach the initial edge of the web to the new core as taught by Perini et al.

Regarding Claims 10 and 37-38, Isakson discloses a mechanism 28 for feeding cores into the winding cradle. However, Isakson is silent about a rolling surface defining with the first winding element a channel to feed the winding cores; and wherein the winding cores are fed into the channel and made to roll inside the channel before the web material is severed and a core feeder constructed and arranged to feed winding cores into the channel. However, Perini et al. disclose a rewinding machine comprising a rolling surface 132 defining with a first winding element 101 a channel 130 to feed winding cores A; and wherein the winding cores are fed into the channel and made to roll inside the channel before the web material is severed and a core feeder 119 constructed and arranged to feed winding cores into the channel (Figures 1-5). Because both Isakson and Perini et al. disclose a mechanism for feeding the cores into the winding cradle, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art the substitute the feeding mechanism of Perini et al. for that of Isakson to achieve the predictable result of feeding cores into the winding cradle.

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Isakson (US-3791602) as applied to claims 3, 6-8, 11, 21-22, and 24-27 above, and further in view of Nowisch (US-4422588). Isakson is silent about the first glue being a strip of double-sided adhesive material. However, Nowisch discloses first glue being a strip of double-sided adhesive material (Column 7, Lines 22-34). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to replace the brush and liquid glue of Isakson with the applicator and double sided tape of Nowisch to reduce production time by eliminating the need to allow time for the glue to dry.

Response to Arguments

With respect to Applicant's arguments starting on page 2, line 11 to page 5, line 21, Applicant argues the combination of the embodiments shown in Figures 13-15 and Figures 2-5 of Isakson would not meet the instant claims in that the glue member and severing means of Isakson would have to be arranged on opposite sides of the web and therefore cannot be integral or part of the same element as in the instant claim. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3 and 21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIAM E. DONDERO whose telephone number is (571)272-5590. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 6:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter M. Cuomo can be reached on 571-272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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